

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A nail polish for treating psoriasis of the nail, comprising ~~one or more~~ glucocorticoid[[s]] alone as the active compound, one or more physiologically tolerable solvents and one or more water-insoluble film-forming agents, ~~which forms a stable nail polish~~ wherein said glucocorticoid is clobetasol propionate.

2. – 25. (Canceled).

26. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 26.

27. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 27.

28. (Currently Amended) A nail polish according to Claim 1, which comprises ~~one or more~~ glucocorticoid[[s]] in a total concentration of 0.5 % to 20 % by weight.

29. (Currently Amended) A nail polish according to Claim 1, which comprises ~~one or more~~ glucocorticoid[[s]] in a total concentration of 2 % to 15 % by weight.

30. (Currently Amended) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the glucocorticoid[[s]] ~~are~~ is in the form of free alcohols or esters.

31. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, wherein the content of glucocorticoid is at least 8% by weight.

32. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, wherein the glucocorticoid is present in the amount of about 1% to about 4% by weight.

33. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the water-insoluble film-forming agent comprises a cellulose derivative.

34. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 33, where the cellulose derivative comprises cellulose nitrate, ethylcellulose or mixtures thereof.

35. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the water-insoluble film-forming agent comprises physiologically acceptable polymers.

36. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the water-insoluble film-forming agent comprises a poly(vinyl acetate); partially hydrolyzed poly(vinyl acetate); copolymers of vinyl acetate with acrylic acid or crotonic acid or monoalkyl maleate; ternary polymers of vinyl acetate with crotonic acid and vinyl neodecanoate; ternary polymers of vinyl acetate with crotonic acid and vinyl propionate; copolymers of methyl ethyl vinyl ether and monoalkyl maleates; copolymers of fatty acid vinyl esters and acrylic acid or methacrylic acid; copolymers of N-vinylpyrrolidone, methacrylic acid, and alkyl methacrylates; copolymers of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid, alkyl acrylates, or alkyl methacrylates.

37. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 36, where the water-insoluble film-forming agent is a copolymer of methyl vinyl ether and monobutyl maleate.

38. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the water-insoluble film-forming agent comprises a polymer, copolymer, or mixture comprising one or more of ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride, polyvinyl acetals, polyvinyl butyrals, alkyl-substituted poly-N-vinylpyrrolidone, alkyl esters of

copolymers of olefins and maleic anhydride, reaction products of colophony with acrylic acid, and benzoin.

39. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the water-insoluble film-forming agent comprises ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, and trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride in a molar ratio of 1:2:0.2.

40. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, where the physiologically tolerable solvent comprises hydrocarbons, halogenated hydrocarbons, alcohols, ethers, ketones, esters, and mixtures thereof.

41. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 40, where the physiologically tolerable solvent comprises acetate esters of monohydric alcohols.

42. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 41, where the physiologically tolerable solvent comprises ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, and mixtures thereof, and wherein aromatic hydrocarbons or alcohols are optionally added to said solvent.

43. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 42, where the aromatic hydrocarbon is toluene.

44. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 42, where the alcohols comprise ethanol, isopropanol, or a mixture thereof.

45. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 1, further comprising as an additive a plasticizer comprising phthalate or camphor moieties, a colorant or color pigment, pearl luster agents, sedimentation retardants, sulfonamide resins, silicates, aromatic substances, compounds comprising lanolin moieties, sunscreens, antimicrobial substances, and substances having keratolytic activity, keratoplastic activity, or both, or mixtures thereof.

46. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 45, where the additive sunscreen is 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone.

47. (Previously Presented) A nail polish according to Claim 45, where the additive having keratolytic activity, keratoplastic activity, or both, is ammonium sulfite, esters and salts of thioglycolic acid, urea, allantoin, enzymes, and salicylic acid, and mixtures thereof.

48. (Previously Presented) A method for preventing psoriasis of nails, comprising applying an effective amount of a nail polish according to claim 1 to a nail of a host.

49. (Previously Presented) A method for treating psoriasis of nails, comprising applying an effective amount of a nail polish according to claim 1 to a nail of a host.

50. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 50.